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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
(37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d))

Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97(a), Applicant is submitting herewith Form PTO-1449, listing thereon, documents known to Applicant and considered to be relevant to the examination of this application. A copy of each document listed on Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith. This Statement is filed within the time limit set forth in 37 CFR 1.97(d), and is accompanied by the fee required by 37 CFR 1.97(d)(2) [37 CFR 1.17(p)], and by the certification required by 37 CFR 1.97(e).

It is hereby certified that each item of information contained in this statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the date this statement is filed.

No representation is made that a search of the prior art was conducted; that any of the cited documents is prior art to this application; or that more relevant prior art does not exist.

It is noted from the enclosed copy of the Search Report issued in connection with Applicants' counterpart European application, that each of the documents cited in the report are considered as "technological background" and, therefore, were cited under Category A. The Examiner is referred to the Search Report for providing the concise statement of relevance of each cited document.

Applicants reserves the right to offer evidence and/or reasons to establish that the claimed invention is patentable over any single cited document or combination of cited documents.

Applicants will respond separately to the outstanding Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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